

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STRASB 00017 270010Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-02
USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-02 /040 W
-----270510Z 057832 /11

R 261745Z JAN 77
FM AMCONSUL STRASBOURG
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0983
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

UNCLAS STRASBOURG 17

E.O.11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, FR.
SUBJECT: PIERRE SCHIELE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ALSACE REGIONAL
COUNCIL

ON JANUARY 24 PIERRE SCHIELE, CENTRIST SENATOR MAYOR OF THANN
IN THE HAUT-RHIN WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CONSEIL REGIONAL
OF ALSACE REPLACING ANDRE BORD, RPR AND SECRETAIRE D ETAT FOR
VETERANS AFFAIRS. THUS , AS IN LORRAINE THE RPR WAS REPLACED
IN THIS IMPORTANT POSITION BY A CENTRIST.

HOWEVER, THE GAME IN STRASBOURG WAS NOT AS ROUGH AS IT WAS IN
METZ, AND AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF NEGOTIATIONS JANUARY 24, ANDRE
BORD RELUCTANTLY BUT GRACIOUSLY ANNOUNCED HE WOULD NOT BE A
CANDIDATE FOR REELECTION, AND ASKED THE MEMBERS OF HIS GROUP
TO SUPPORT SENATOR SCHIELE, A MEMBER OF THE CENTRIST GROUP (CDS).
SCHIELE WAS THEN COMFORTABLY ELECTED WITH 29 VOTES OUT OF 40,
ALTHOUGH EIGHT RPR APPARENTLY REFUSED TO FOLLOW BORD S REQUEST
AND CAST BLANK OR INVALID BALLOTS.

BORD MADE THE BEST OF A DIFFICULT SITUATION: FIRST HE FACED
GEOGRAPHICAL DEMANDS FROM THE HAUT-RHIN THAT THE PRESIDENCY
BE GIVEN TO A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THAT DEPARTMENT AFTER BEING
HELD FOR THREE YEARS BY BORD FROM STRASBOURG. SECOND THE CENTRISTS,
NOT THE RPR, HOLD A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL SEATS AND APPARENTLY
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STRASB 00017 270010Z

HAVING OVERCOME CERTAIN INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES COULD IMPOSE THEIR
OWN CANDIDATE. (THESE DIFFICULTIES COULD VERY WELL HAVE INVOLVED
CERTAIN CONCESSIONS TO THE RPR - SUCH AS GIVING IT A MAJORITY
OF THE POSITIONS IN THE COUNCIL BUREAU - TO ASSURE ITS SUPPORT
OF AND PARTICIPATION ON IMPORTANT MUNICIPAL ELECTION LISTS LED
BY CENTRISTS IN THE BAS-RHIN, PARTICULARLY STRASBOURG.)

BORD HIMSELF WAS SOMEWHAT THE PRISONER OF HIS OWN WORDS OF LAST YEAR WHEN HE SAID AFTER HIS REELECTION AS PRESIDENT THIS WOULD BE "HIS LAST TRIP" AND THAT "MANY CHANGES, MANY ALTERATIONS WILL BE POSSIBLE".

SCHIELE'S REPORTED FIRMNESS DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS PRECEDING THE ELECTION GIVE CREDIBILITY TO THE OPINION OF CERTAIN PERSONS CLOSE TO THE SITUATION THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED DURING THE PRECEDING WEEK BY RPR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENTS CONCERNING HIS PRESIDENCY AND THE ROLE OF THE RPR IN ALSACE HAD BEEN REACHED.

BY WITHDRAWING VOLUNTARILY, BORD SAVED HIMSELF AND THE RPR THE EMBARRASSMENT OF A DEFEAT OF ONE OF ITS MINISTERS.ROMINE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NOMINATION, ELECTION RESULTS, ELECTION CANDIDATES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 26-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STRASB00017
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770029-0221
Format: TEL
From: STRASBOURG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770115/aaaaamxi.tel
Line Count: 76
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: a3d838d0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29-Sep-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3491891
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PIERRE SCHIELE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ALSACE REGIONAL COUNCIL ON JANUARY 24 PIERRE SCHIELE, CENTRIST SENATOR MAY
TAGS: PINT, FR, ALSACE, (BORD, ANDRE), (SCHIELE, PIERRE)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/a3d838d0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009